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Skill Training for Employment Abroad
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Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any plan to provide skill training and country"s surplus manpower and send them abroad for employment ;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of training centres set up for the purpose, State-wise;

(c) whether there is likelihood of more opportunities for white collar jobs rather than physical work for India works going abroad; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the funds earmarked/sanctioned for imparting skills to workers going abroad?

Answer

(a) to (d) According to 12th Five Year Plan document, 63 per cent of India's population would be in the working age group of 15-59 by 2022. To harness this demographic advantage and to improve the employability of the labour force the Government of India had launched the National Skill Development Mission in 2015. The Mission seeks to converge, coordinate, implement and monitor skilling activities on a pan-India basis. Further, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has been engaging in international collaborations with a number of countries, focused on two parallel strands of activity. Firstly, MSDE has been engaging with countries such as Germany, United Kingdom (UK), China and Australia to understand international best practices in skill training and apply these to the Indian context, to ensure that Indian youth are trained according to global standards. The skilling standards have already been aligned with UK and Australia across 110 job roles. Secondly, MSDE is also collaborating with countries such as United Arab Emirates (UAE), to mutually recognize qualifications and certifications to ensure that those trained in India can be employed in UAE and other GCC countries. In the meanwhile, the Government has also launched 'Transnational Skill Standards' in India in April, 2016 for aligning Indian Skill Standards with international standards to support international mobility of Indian workforce. These standards in skill development are bench marked to United Kingdom across 82 job roles. Indians intending to work abroad will undergo Bridge training to cover gaps in Indian Standards against the UK standards. The Further Education Colleges (FE) of the United Kingdom will partner with Indian Training Providers to impart training on bridge courses. Further the UK Awarding organizations in association with Indian Sector Skill Councils (SSCs) will certify the trainees on the gap. UK skill standards have global acceptance and mapping of Indian Skill Standards with UK Standards will facilitate international mobility of Indian workforce.
Further, the National Skill Development Corporation, (NSDC), which is a Public Private Partnership Initiative under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has provided placements through its training programme in the following foreign countries during 2015-16:-

Location Placement
ABU DHABI 13
BAHRAIN 1
Dubai 371
Jeddah 1
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia 174
KUWAIT 75
Nepal 2
OMAN 28
Qatar 171
SAUDI 2
United Arab Emirates 660

The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has also signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) for Pravasi Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PKVY) which would provide requisite skill training and certification to youth looking for overseas job opportunities across various sectors as per global standards. MEA would provide Pre-Departure Orientation Training (PDOT) relating to knowledge of the local culture, language, work ethics and other soft skills relevant to the country in which they obtain a job. In the long run, due to ageing population across many countries of the world, India would be in a position to provide required skilled work force. The MSDE through NSDC Training Partners have already opened fifteen India International Skill Centres in this regard on 15th July 2016 − six in Uttar Pradesh, two in Kerala and one each in Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, West Bengal and Chandigarh respectively.